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## **Train Station Project community information meeting**

**Fairfield, California (Thursday, February 2, 2012) -** The Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville are hosting a community information meeting on February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Golden West Middle School Multi-Purpose Room located at 2651 DeRonde Drive in Fairfield.

After weighing the input received through a total of more than twenty meetings with the public and interested parties, the City has selected the option of a planned, temporary closure of Peabody Road for construction of the new overpass. The closure of Peabody Road between Cement Hill/Vanden Road and Huntington Drive is expected to begin in mid-2013 and is scheduled for re-opening in mid-2014.

"The existing Peabody Road crossing is undersized, outdated, and creates a significant impediment to travel along Peabody Road," said George Hicks, City of Fairfield's Public Works director. "The new overcrossing at the railroad tracks will provide for safe and efficient passage of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

The purpose of the February 8 meeting is to share the details surrounding this decision and the strategy for moving forward with the project. The meeting will also include discussion of the public safety plan and the planned detour routes, in addition to further information about other measures being incorporated into the project to help minimize overall impacts to the public. A plan for next steps and what the community will see in the coming months will also be shared.

After an extensive public outreach and engagement effort, the project has reached an important milestone which will allow the project design and preliminary work to be completed. The project team received numerous suggestions during this process that will minimize impacts to the public during construction. Many of the suggestions received will be incorporated into the project.

"This is an important corridor for local businesses, students, and faculty for three neighborhood schools as well as many commuters," said Steve Hartwig, City of Fairfield's assistant Public Works director and city engineer. "In addition to evaluating the best approach for the safety of motorists, pedestrians, trains, and construction

workers, the City collaborated with Travis Air Force Base, Travis Unified School District, businesses, residents, and the community at-large to evaluate the approach and to look for ways to minimize impact to everyone."

The new Fairfield / Vacaville Train Station will be located at Peabody and Vanden Roads bringing Capitol Corridor passenger service to northern Fairfield and southern Vacaville communities. Community members are encouraged to attend the presentation, which begins at 6:15 p.m. Representatives from the Cities' project team will be available to provide a layout of the project and answer questions following the presentation. Information stations, similar to previous community workshops, will also be available.